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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Appointment of Noor Ahmad Noor of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan as Ambassador to the United States.

The Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan has inquired whether our Government agrees to the appointment of Noor Ahmad Noor as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Afghanistan to the United States (Tab 2). A biography of Noor is attached (Tab 1).

The Department believes from the information available that he will make a good ambassador to the United States and recommends that the President agree to the proposed appointment. If he concurs, the Department will inform the Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan.

David Anderson for
Peter Tarnoff
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Biography.
2. Note No. 343 dated June 26, 1978 from Embassy of Afghanistan; telegram No. 5188 from Kabul

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No. 343

The Embassy of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan presents its compliments to the Department of State and has the honour to state that the Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan having in view to maintain the existing cordial and friendly relations between the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan and the United States of America, is requesting agreement of H.E. Noor Ahmad Noor as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Washington from the Government of the United States of America.

The curriculum vitae of H.E. Noor Ahmad Noor has been forwarded to the American Chargé d'Affaires in Kabul, Afghanistan.

While awaiting for a favourable reply, the Embassy of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of State the assurances of its highest consideration.

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BIOGRAPHY - Noor Ahmad Noor

Democratic Republic of Afghanistan


The nomination of Noor Ahmed Noor to be Afghan Ambassador to the United States came as a surprise. Noor is presently Minister of Interior in the new Afghan Government. He has long been associated with the Parcham (banner) faction of the ruling Democratic People's Party. However, the leaders of this faction (including Noor) are apparently losing out in a power struggle and several are now being sent abroad as ambassadors where they will be less of a domestic threat to the Taraki government.

Noor was born in 1937 in Kandahar Province and he studied political science at Kabul University, graduating in 1961. He then completed his military service and worked for several years in the Afghan Foreign Ministry in a minor capacity.

In 1965 Noor was elected a member of Parliament. He resigned from Parliament in 1969 and spent his time in party activities.

There is general agreement that Noor is one of the more impressive individuals in the new government.

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Noor's knowledge of English is weak though he seems to understand it better than to speak it. He is married and has one son.

Noor should be an interesting addition to the Washington diplomatic scene.

A thorough search of U.S. Government sources reveals no grounds for objection.

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